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A concise explanation of the relevance of the foreign language documents as required by 37 CFR 1.98 is attached. On information and belief, this concise explanation is from the point of view of that person identified in 37 CFR 1.56 who is most familiar with the subject matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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